

## WISCONSIN DNR FISHERIES INFORMATION SHEET TURTLE FLAMBEAU FLOWAGE, IRON COUNTY, 2016

The WDNR conducted a fisheries assessment of Turtle Flambeau Flowage, Iron County, from April 12 to April 20, 2016.

Turtle Flambeau Flowage (TFF) is a 13,122 acres lake and has a maximum depth of 50 feet. The fishery includes panfish, largemouth, and smallmouth bass, muskellunge, northern pike and walleye. TFF was estimated to have 36,855 walleye or 2.8 fish per acre.



<u>Walleye</u>	
Total Captured	15,339
	13.3
Length Range (in.)	8-29
	23%



Smallmouth Bass	
Total Captured	369
Avg. Length (in.)	14.7
Length Range (in.)	10-20
% >14"	74%



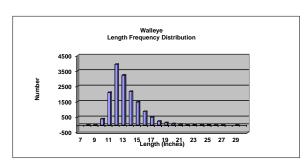
Northern Pike	
	693
	17.0
	9-37
%>26"	2%

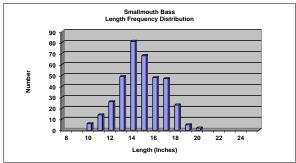


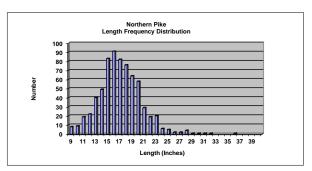
Muskellunge	
Total Captured	82
Avg. Length (in.)	35.7
Length Range (in.)	24-48
%>40"	24%

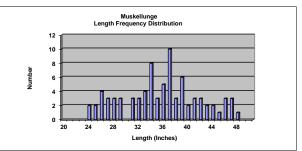


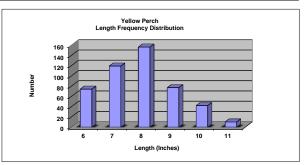
Yellow Perch	
Total Captured	478
Avg. Length (in.)	7.8
Length Range (in.)	6-11
% >9"	27%











## Other Species

Other species observed during this survey were black crappie, bluegill, bullheads, burbot, golden redhouse, grass pickerel, greater redhouse, largemouth bass, pumpkinseed, rock bass, white sucker, and yellow perch.

We are also conducting a creel (angler harvest) survey on Turtle Flambeau Flowage this year. A creel clerk will count and interview anglers and examine their catch throughout the fishing season.

Stocking History

Year	Species	Number Fish Stocked	Avg Fish Length (IN)
2015	LAKE STURGEON	1,740	9.9
2015	MUSKELLUNGE	2,494	12.2
2012	MUSKELLUNGE	2,908	13.5
2010	MUSKELLUNGE	1,097	12.7-13.2
2008	MUSKELLUNGE	2,500	10.4-10.7
2006	MUSKELLUNGE	1,366	10.8

A brief summary of selected fishing regulations is included below. While the regulatory information provided was current at the time the surveys were conducted, it is not comprehensive and should not be used as a substitute for the current fishing regulation pamphlet. You may obtain a copy of current fishing regulations when you purchase your fishing license, or download a copy from our web site at: <a href="http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/regulations/">http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/regulations/</a>

General Fishing Regulations for Turtle Flambeau Flowage, Iron County, 2016

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FISH SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	DAILY LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH			
Walleye	May 07-March 05	3	NO MINIMUM			
Largemouth Bass	May 07-March 05	5	14-18" PROTECTED, 1>18"			
Smallmouth Bass	June 18-March 05	5	14-18" PROTECTED, 1>18"			
Muskellunge	May 28-November 30	1	40" MINIMUM			
Northern Pike	May 07-March 05	5	NO MINIMUM			

<sup>\*</sup>During harvest season for each species; you are allowed a daily bag limit of five largemouth or smallmouth bass in total.

This report is interim only; data and findings should not be considered final. Results of creel surveys should be available by June of the year following the survey. If you are interested in a summary of the creel survey or want an update on this year's fyke netting and electrofishing survey results contact:

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To access other northern Wisconsin fisheries surveys go to: http://dnr.wi.gov/ and search Ceded Territory Fisheries Reports.

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